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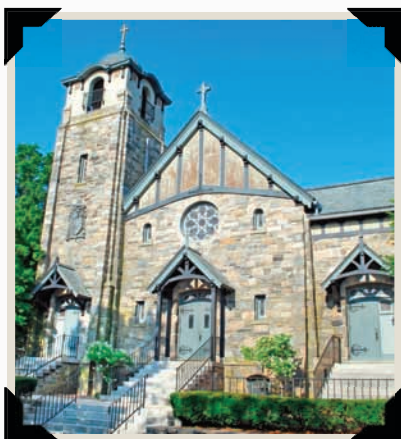
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Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday ----- 7:00 am

Saturday ----- 4:30 pm

Sunday ----- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL

Saturday ----- 5:30 pm*

Sunday ----- 8:00 am* and 10:00 am

*Summer only (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI/WASHINGTON
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Washington County Office / Contact: ----- Melanie Monteiro

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Tuesday ----- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak with a priest. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory.

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm

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Days
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 11

4:30pm Matthew & Kathleen Oliverio
(40th Wedding Anniversary)
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 12

9:00am †Steven Hunt
Requested by Barbara Humphries
11:00am †Johanna Henley
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Family

Monday, March 13

7:00am †Deceased Members of the Behie
& O'Rourke Families

Tuesday, March 14

7:00am †Clara Latowski
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Holly & Angelica Flores

Thursday, March 16

7:00am For the People

Friday, March 17

7:00am †Joseph Boragine
Requested by Family

Saturday, March 18

4:30pm †Rals T. Levesque
Requested by Family

Sunday, March 19

9:00am †Margaret R. Haggerty
Req. by sister, Lynne M. Haggerty
11:00am †Henry P. Falcone
Requested by Stephen Demetrick

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 12

10:00am †Catherine Fitzpatrick
Requested by Marsha & James Corcoran

Sunday, March 19

10:00am †James Corcoran, III
Requested by Peace Dale Dinner Table

Our greatest longing is for union with God.



In both the first reading and the Gospel, we hear about people who are thirsty. The people in the desert cry out to Moses for water. Jesus asks the woman at the well for a drink. While thirst is a natural part of our daily lives, in the Scriptures it is sometimes used to speak to the longing in our spirits for union with God. Our bodies naturally hunger and thirst, but so do our souls.

It makes perfect sense if we really think about it. The Church teaches that the very reason we were created is to know, love, and serve God. If we are not striving to fulfill that purpose, then there will be a lack, or emptiness, in our hearts. Throughout history, as we have considered the human experience, we have learned that full bellies and mugs full of drink are not enough to make a person truly happy. While we have physical needs that occupy much of our attention, we also seem to have a common longing for something beyond our appetites that can only be satisfied with something larger than ourselves. As followers of Jesus, we understand that union with God – in fellowship and communion with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is the only way for us to be who we were created to be.

Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well to reveal to her that he is the only one who can satisfy the thirst that drives her. However she ended up in this place, she has clearly not found peace and fulfillment in her life. Jesus draws upon the image of thirsting to share with her that he is the Messiah; if she becomes his disciple, she will never thirst again. All her life she had been longing for someone who would bring actual love and joy to her. Jesus reveals to her, and to us, that he is the only one who can quench that consuming thirst deep within our spirit.

Our Gospel today calls us to drink from the well of Jesus' love. It is only in his love that we can quench our thirst and find our lives fulfilled.



Weekly Support	March 5
Budget envelopes used (134)	- \$4,937.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 702.00
Online Giving (# of donors-90)	- \$4,419.00
Total Budget	- \$10,058.50

Second Collection (Monthly)	
Budget envelopes used (91)	- \$ 921.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 584.00
Online Giving (# of donors-13)	- \$ 217.00
Total	- \$1,722.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

Catholic Charity Appeal as of March 5, 2023: Our goal is: \$104,595.00; Amount Pledged: \$38,106.00.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MARCH 12, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Bertha Murphy.



The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER



Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



JOIN US FOR THE RETURN OF ALPHA!

RSVP for Alpha 2023 and join us for the first session THIS Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 at 6:15pm in the lower level of the church

Alpha is an 11-week program that creates a space for honest-and-open discussions about faith and life's biggest questions. It consists of weekly gatherings that begin by sharing a delicious and nourishing meal to build personal connections and community. Dinner is followed by a short film exploring life's biggest issues through the Christian faith by addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?", and "How does God guide us?" Afterwards, participants break into small groups to share ideas and listen to others in a safe, judgment-free setting.

Reserve your place by visiting: stfranciswakefield.com/faith-formation/alpha/

Everyone is welcome to join. Tell a friend!



FAITH FORMATION (401) 792-8684

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:55-10:50am Grades 1-6 FGC Step Up Close to Jesus Stations of the Cross during class time. All are invited.

Pray: Thank you, Jesus, for sharing your gifts. Help me to share these gifts with others. Amen.

Think: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Wednesday, March 15th

6:30-8:15pm Confirmation I & II classes in Fr. Greenan Center. This is our final class for the year. Interviews for Confirmation II will take place during class time.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday, March 25th at 10:00.

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers.

Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation-Saturday, March 18 at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit the Convocation website:

faithformationconvocation.com



St. Francis of Assisi's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 1st at 10:00

Where: Fr. Greenan Parish Center

Donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs gratefully accepted.

Collection boxes located at the entrance to the church and chapel. Thank you for your support!

This Week

Monday, March 13

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 15

12:30 Stations of the Cross at the Chapel

6:15pm Alpha Course (HBH)

Thursday, March 16

6-7:00pm Bible Study-Gospel of Mark (HBH)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 17

5:30-6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FGC)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross at the Church

The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Fridays at 7:00pm through March 31; Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. ROMUALD CHAPEL

Wednesdays at 12:30 through April 5



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

On each of the six Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 6:30pm, a simple meatless meal of home made soup, bread and water will be prepared and offered to all. There is no charge for this Lenten supper but a basket will be available to receive free will donations. These donations will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference for distribution to needy families in our area. So come and join us for soup on Fridays in Father Greenan Center! Bring a friend...it is a wonderful lead into Stations at 7.

SAVE THE DATE

- February 24:** Stations begin at Church on Fridays during Lent (7:00pm)
- March 1:** Stations begin at Chapel on Wednesdays during Lent (12:30)
- March 27-29:** Lenten Mission (6:30pm)
- April 2:** Organ Concert for Lent:
Dr. Enrico Garzilli Memorial (2:30pm)

FATHER GENE MCKENNA

As many of you know, Father Gene McKenna will be accepting an award on behalf of the Priests for Justice, a Diocesan group of priests who have been working for over 40 years on behalf of peace, justice and immigration reform. The award (the Madonna Della Strada award) is sponsored by the Jesuit Volunteer Corps of New England and will be presented at Boston College High School on April 23rd. Congratulations Fr. McKenna!



LENTEN MISSION: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL March 27, 28 & 29

We will be presenting our Lenten Mission led by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth on March 27, 28 & 29 beginning at 6:30pm.

Monday, March 27 (6:30pm): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Talk, Benediction & Reposition

Tuesday, March 28 (6:30pm): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Talk, Benediction & Reposition

Wednesday, March 29 (6:30pm): Closing Talk & Mass. **Remember to mark your calendars!**

St. Patrick's Day Friday, March 17th



In recognition of St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17th, Bishop Tobin has granted dispensation for all those who choose to eat meat on that day.



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